

**EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS,  
HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS  
MINUTES  
MADISON, WISCONSIN  
JULY 14, 1999**

**PRESENT:** Fred Birts, Stephen Donohue, Thomas Evans, Herbert Garn, Wayne Lindgren, Patrick McGuire, E. Jerry Tyler, Tracy Benzel (unconfirmed), Robert Karnauskas (arrived at 9:45 a.m.)

**EXCUSED:** Joan Underwood, David Mickelson, Roger Hall

**STAFF PRESENT:** Alfred Hall and Becky Fry; Bill Black and Wayne Austin were present for portions of the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:14 a.m. by Alfred Hall, Bureau Director. A quorum of eight voting members was present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Herb Garn moved, seconded by Thomas Evans, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (3/30/99)**

**MOTION:** Fred Birts moved, seconded by Herb Garn, to approve the minutes, with the insertion of an "R" in Hydrologists in the heading, and the correction of the spelling of Stephen Donohue's name on the back page. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

**Secretary Cummings' Report**

• **Board Member Workshop (July 15 & 16, 1999)**

Secretary Cummings reviewed the purpose and contents of the program for the upcoming Board Member Workshop.

Secretary Cummings welcomed new Board member, Tracy Benzel, on behalf of the department.

Secretary Cummings informed the Board that the budget had not yet passed. She stated one area that would affect licensees is the increase in the fees for credential holders taking the national exam, to accommodate the requirement that 10% of the total exam fee must go to the state's general fund.

Secretary Cummings congratulated the Board on getting the rules together for setting up guidelines for reviewing applications for licensure. She also indicated that there is a long-term goal to rewrite the application for use on the internet.

### **Bureau Director's Report**

Alfred Hall informed the Board that Roger Hall would not be attending upcoming meetings due to health reasons.

Alfred Hall congratulated Stephen Donohue and Wayne Lindgren on the confirmation of their appointments.

Alfred Hall explained the importance of having a quorum for meetings and if Board members are unable to attend meetings, that they call either Alfred or Roxanne Peterson to notify them.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

### **Chapter 470**

Noted.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

### **Approval to Send Rules for Professional Geologists, Hydrologists, and Soil Scientists to the Legislative Standing Committee**

The Board received copies of the Clearinghouse Report to the Agency and the June 21, 1999 memorandum from Wayne Austin regarding the Rules Clearinghouse Comments on GHSS Rules.

Stephen Donohue reported on the recommendations of the Rules Committee on the proposed rules, based on discussions at a meeting on June 23, 1999, with regards to Wayne Austin's recommendations and the Clearinghouse Report to the Agency.

Wayne Austin explained the Rules Committee's proposed change to permit licensees to report change of address to the Board by means of telephone and/or electronic means, rather than just in writing.

The Board discussed the definitions of "resident" and "firm". After lengthy discussion, the Board recommended omitting section 1.04 from the GHSS Rules.

**MOTION:** Jerry Tyler moved, seconded by Pat McGuire, to strike section 1.04 Branch Offices, of the proposed GHSS Rules. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board questioned whether all of the Rules Committee's proposed changes were included in the draft provided in the agenda packet. Jerry Tyler will work with Bill Black to assure all changes are included in the draft.

**MOTION:** Tom Evans moved, seconded by Bob Karnauskas, that Bill Black draft language for the Board to delegate authority to the Rules Committee to recommend changes to the rule, with final adoption by the full Board. Motion carried unanimously.

## **APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS AND UPDATE**

Alfred Hall informed the Board that the Soil Scientists and Hydrologists have done a great job of objectifying what the requirements are for minimum competency standards for licensure.

## **EXAMINATIONS**

### **Examination Development Update**

Nothing to report.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board received a copy of a letter, dated June 30, 1999, from the Wisconsin Association of Consulting Engineers (WACE), providing comments on the text of the proposed rule for Chapter 470 of the Wisconsin State Statute, and the Board discussed the concerns of the Association.

**MOTION:** Herb Garn moved, seconded by Robert Karnauskas, to request that Alfred Hall draft a response to WACE, on behalf of the Board, indicating that the Board believes the exemption language, section 443.14(13) or section 470.025(10), is clearly defined in the Statutes, and there is no need to repeat it in the administrative rules and if WACE has concern regarding the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) overlooking this exemption, WACE should contact the DNR and communicate that to them. Motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Alfred Hall informed the Board of the rule timeline. The next GHSS meeting is scheduled for August 25, 1999 for final adoption of the rules. If there is a delay in the process, GHSS will meet on September 9, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. for final rule adoption.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Stephen Donohue moved, seconded by Robert Karnauskas, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.